

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 401

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leonard Keelon Bradley
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Leonard Keelon Bradley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Bradley demonstrated the utmost expertise and integrity
throughout a twenty-eight-year career in state government in which he served as a senior policy
assistant to three governors, deputy commissioner of human services, and vice chancellor of
the State University and Community College System of Tennessee (Tennessee Board of
Regents); and

WHEREAS, born on August 12, 1940, in Lebanon, Leonard Bradley was the eldest of
five brothers and a sister raised by Leonard K. Bradley Sr. and Mary Ann Bryan Bradley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley was an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, from which he
received both a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in political science; he also
earned a certificate in the state and local government executive program at Harvard University;
and

WHEREAS, Leonard Bradley distinguished himself as an adept administrator, serving
under Governor Buford Ellington as the state's first director of the Governor's Highway Safety
program, federal grant review coordinator, and director of the Office of Urban and Federal
Affairs; he also served as an advisor on federal/state relations at the Office of Management and
Budget and testified before Congress in that role; and

WHEREAS, he continued in the capacity of director of the Office of Urban and Federal Affairs in the Governor Winfield Dunn administration and was later appointed as special assistant for policy planning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley was director of research and a legislative aide for Comptroller of the Treasury William R. Snodgrass, and was assigned to assist with the operations of Tennessee's 1977 Constitutional Convention, which adopted the constitutional spending limit; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Bradley also served as deputy commissioner of the Department of Human Services during the administration of Governor Lamar Alexander, and as Governor Don Sundquist's policy assistant, he oversaw the development and enactment of the Families First welfare reform program; and

WHEREAS, proficient in a variety of disciplines, Mr. Bradley was appointed to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Commission by Governor Dunn and the Metropolitan Nashville Social Services Commission by Mayor Bill Purcell; he was also a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System and the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, as well as a member of the cabinet appointment screening committee for Governor Phil Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, as associate vice chancellor for administration and as vice chancellor for facilities of the Board of Regents of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee, Leonard Bradley worked for three university system chancellors: Tom Garland, Dr. Otis Floyd, and Dr. Charles Smith; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from state service in 1996, Mr. Bradley lectured in public policy and government for five years at Tusculum College, where he also held the position of director of the Institute for Public Leadership and Policy, and was a lecturer at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College for nine years; he retired from teaching in 2010; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, Leonard Bradley is fondly remembered as a wilderness backpacker and fly-fisherman who cared deeply for natural areas, scenic rivers, wilderness preservation, and environmental issues; in retirement, he enjoyed four

years of living in a cabin in the woods of Jackson County near Flynn's Lick and the Cumberland River; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Bradley is survived by two children, Timothy (Susan) Bradley and Alice Sanders; their mother, Sue Walls Bradley; four grandchildren, Macy Bradley and Lauren, Zachary, and Emma Sanders; three brothers, John (Jan), Bill (Nanette), and Thomas (Sandra Gregory) Bradley; and a sister, Mary Elizabeth (Jim) Ogren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Patrick Sanders, and his best friend and closest brother in age, Robert Bryan Bradley, an ensign in the U.S. Navy who was lost at sea in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Bradley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Leonard Keelon Bradley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his extraordinary contributions to the people of Tennessee, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bradley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.